

HOUSEHOLD.

Marrying Men to Reform Them.

It is not so much the fashion with the girls of this generation as it was with women of earlier times to accept offers of marriage from dissipated suitors, and in spite of parental prayers and denunciation to marry the men to reform them; still the custom has not entirely disappeared, and it may not be amiss, therefore, to draw attention to the recently published findings of a certain neurologist. The high average of nine women being shot at by lovers or husbands within the short space of four months in a certain American city led this student of human life to investigate each individual case, and as a result he published the statement that eight out of the nine attempts on the lives of the women—nearly all of which were fatal—were made by men addicted to drink, and who fortified themselves with potations when they set out to do their shooting. It is pointed out that, although these figures apply only to one city, that they can justly be taken as typical of an agreement that must be appalling. If the account were summed up each year for the whole country of the number of women and men stabbed, shot or beaten to death by drunken assailants, the total would be a staggering blow, to our pretensions that we are in a position as a nation to start out to evangelize the world.—'Vogue.'

Use for Scraps of Tin.

A two-horse load of tin clippings was being transferred to the rear basement of a prominent hotel. It had come from a can-factory and the narrow, curling strips had become so twisted and intertwined as to form a conglomerate mass that was moved with the greatest difficulty by two sturdy fellows with stable-forks.

A bystander who was curious enough to inquire what use a swell hotel had for such truck was answered by an attaché of the house: 'We use it for rats. I mean the big, gray fellows with whiskers. The hotel rat is bigger, bolder and wiser than any other rat. He laughs at traps, fattens on poison and the killing or chasing of dogs, cats and ferrets is his pet diversion. Even when energetic measures have rid us of the pests they are with us again in augmented force within a day or two. They will tunnel through almost anything for incredible distances. It is their boring ability that has given us so much trouble hitherto. No matter how we closed up their passage-ways, the routes were promptly reopened. Filling the holes with broken glass was considered a good scheme until we found that with marvellous patience they removed the glass piece by piece.

'But we think we've got them now. With this tangled-up tin we construct a sort of abatis, covering all places where the beasts are likely to enter our cellars. They can't get through it. They can't chew it and they can't carry it away as they do broken bottles, for when Mr. Rat takes hold of a single strip of the tin he finds it an inseparable part of a net-work weighing many pounds.'—Philadelphia 'Record.'

An Inexpensive Rug.

The rug described is 2½ x 4 feet. It is made of burlap, or what is commonly called gunny sacking. It can be got at almost any stores in any quantity, especially in furniture stores and at the grocery. Three yards, if of full width, is enough to make it. The burlap is first colored any desired shade or color, two packages of dye being sufficient. Cut the burlap in strips about five inches wide and ravel from both sides, leaving about an inch unravelled through the centre. Double this through the middle and lay on the edge of the burlap, which is used for a foundation, and sew on. It is best to sew with a machine, as it is held firmer than if sewed by hand. Sew on the next trip, letting the ravelled edges lap over the first far enough to cover the foundation and full enough to stand up well. Continue in this way until the centre of the rug is reached,

then commence and fill in the other side. By using two shades of the same color a very pretty effect is produced. Two shades of green make a good imitation of grass, and is very pretty for a bay window with flowers.—'N. E. Homestead.'

When I Have Time.

When I have time so many things I'll do
To make life happier and more fair
For those whose lives are crowded with
care;
I'll help to lift them from their despair,
When I have time.

When I have time the friend I love so well
Shall know no more these weary, tolling
days;
I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths always,
And cheer her heart with sweetest words
of praise.
When I have time.

When you have time—the friend you loved
so dear
May be beyond the reach of all your
sweet intent;
May never know that you so kindly
meant
To fill her life with sweet content,
When you have time.

Now is the time! Ah, friend, no longer
wait
To scatter loving smiles and words of
cheer
To those around whose lives are now so
dear;
They may not need you in the coming
year—
Now is the time.
—'Presbyterian Banner.'

The Mother's Training.

It takes years of training to be able to properly extract a tooth or to fill a cavity in the same. It requires days and nights of painstaking study to fit a man or a woman for any one of the professions; but a fitness for the solemn and sacred duties of motherhood is supposed to come by instinct or by intuition. However, the procession of children that are marching towards the children's hospital, the multitudes that are enfeebled in body and mind, and enslaved by soul and body destroying habits, and the enormous demand for cigarettes and liquor by the youth of our land, all testify to the fact that this essential knowledge is not acquired in this manner. When the subject of cookery shall be regarded as essential a part of a young woman's education as the study of geography, when the young mother learns how to properly care for a nursing bottle so that it shall not endanger the life of the infant every time it uses it, and a score of more things equally important, then and not until then, we may hope that half the woe and sickness and misery that is to-day so widespread among the infants and children may be banished.—'Union Signal.'

Selected Recipes.

Brown-Bread Roll.—Mix thoroughly one cup of sifted rye meal, one cup of fine granulated wheat or fine Graham flour, half a cup of granulated yellow corn meal, half a cup of bread flour, one teaspoonful of salt, one rounding teaspoonful of baking powder and half a teaspoonful of soda. Then pour in half a cup of molasses and one pint of sweet milk. Grease four small baking powder cans, half-pound size, fill them about half full with the batter, cover and steam two hours.

For plain onion pickles let the onions (after peeling) lie in salted water over night. A teacupful of salt will be sufficient for four quarts of water. Rinse in clear water two or three times, letting them stand in the last water half an hour. Then drain for an hour or two, and pack them in jars with spices (whole cloves, stick cinnamon, pepper corns and allspice), allowing a teaspoonful of each—except the cinnamon, of which we use a little more—to each quart jar, adding chopped celery or celery seed if liked, or spices may be omitted if desired. Then scald sufficient good vinegar to fill the jars full, pouring on when boiling hot. Cover and keep cool and dry.

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